



Nova Scotia

ANNUAL REPORT

*for the fiscal year
ending March 31, 1997*

Advisory Council on Heritage Property

During the period of this report

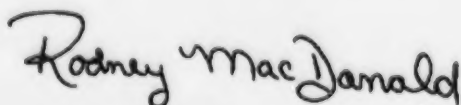
Minister
Honourable Jim Smith

To His Honour
The Honourable J. James Kinley
Lieutenant-Governor of the
Province of Nova Scotia

Sir:

I have the honour to submit herewith the sixteenth annual report of the
Advisory Council on Heritage Property, for the fiscal year concluding
March 31, 1997.

Yours truly,

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Rodney MacDonald
Minister in Charge of the
Administration of the
Heritage Property Act

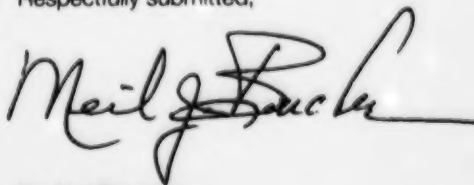


Honourable Rodney MacDonald
Minister in Charge of the Administration
of the Heritage Property Act
Province of Nova Scotia

Sir:

I have the privilege on behalf of the Advisory Council on Heritage
Property to present our report on the work of the Council for the fiscal
year ended March 31, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Boucher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Neil Boucher
Chairman



HERITAGE PROPERTY ACT

The purpose of this act is to provide for identification, designation, preservation, conservation, protection, and rehabilitation of buildings, structures, streetscapes, areas, and districts of historic, architectural, or cultural value in urban and rural areas and to encourage their continued use.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HERITAGE PROPERTY

The Advisory Council on Heritage Property was first established in 1980 under the authority of the Heritage Property Act. This is the sixteenth year that the Council has advised the Minister on the registration of heritage properties and other related issues.

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HERITAGE PROPERTY ACT

By order of the Governor in Council, dated 27 June 1997, the Honourable Jim Smith was charged with responsibility for the administration of the Heritage Property Act, and continued to hold this responsibility during the period covered in this report.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Ann Trask Fulde and William O'Shea retired from Council on October 31, 1996.

Appointments to the Council were: Janet Maltby, 1 January 1997 and Joan Watcham, 4 February 1997.

Other members serving during the 1996-97 year were: Dr. Neil Boucher (Chairman), Kent Hurley, Janice Gill, Laurent d'Entremont, Dianne Thompson-Sheppard, Q.C., and the Reverend Hazen Parent.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

The Advisory Council is pleased to note that the following properties, which it recommended, were duly registered in 1996-97:

- Ross House, North East Margaree, Inverness County
- Manning Block, Parrsboro, Cumberland County
- Solomon House, Lunenburg, Lunenburg County
- Bank of Montreal Building, Amherst, Cumberland County
- West-Webster House, Halifax, Halifax County
- Scott Manor House, Bedford, Halifax County
- Stayley Brown House, Yarmouth, Yarmouth County
- Kennedy House, Sydney, Cape Breton County
- Fort Massey United Church, Halifax, Halifax County
- James Miller House, Miller Siding, Colchester County
- George Wright House, Halifax, Halifax County

The following property, recommended by the Advisory Council, was not registered by the Minister:

- Hirtle Davidson Property, Oakland, Lunenburg County

PROVINCIAL HERITAGE PROPERTY PLAQUES

The Advisory Council takes pleasure in noting that heritage property plaques were presented to the owners of the following provincially registered heritage properties:

- Zion Lutheran Church, Lunenburg, Lunenburg County
- Manning Block, Parrsboro, Cumberland County
- Smith-Duckenfield House, Selma, Hants County
- General Manager's House, Westville, Pictou County
- Solomon House, Lunenburg, Lunenburg County
- Scott Manor House, Bedford, Halifax County
- Lock Five, Shubenacadie Canal, Wellington, Halifax County
- Fort Massey United Church, Halifax, Halifax County

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HERITAGE PROPERTY

The Heritage Unit provided administrative support for four regular meetings of the Advisory Council, held May 9, September 19, December 4, 1996 and March 6, 1997.

GROUPS ADDRESSED AND ASSISTED

The staff of the Heritage Unit addressed or assisted 78 groups and individuals, including municipal councils, heritage advisory committees, and heritage property owners, on the Heritage Property Act and related issues.

Staff were involved in representing the province at meetings of the International Council on Monuments and Sites, Heritage Canada, Association for Preservation Technology, and the Interprovincial Heritage Advisory Committee.

GRANTS

A total of 92 grants were approved under policies for the conduct of inventories, conservation plans, conservation assistance for registered heritage properties, and publications.

PROVINCIAL INVENTORY

Grants were provided for inventory work in four municipalities, Argyle District, Pictou County, Annapolis County, and Victoria County. Approximately 542 buildings were inventoried, for a total of 13,972 buildings for which historical and architectural details have been documented.

HOME AWARDS — HISTORICAL RESTORATION

For the sixth successive year the Nova Scotia Home Awards had a category for historical restoration. This category provides awards for excellence in restoration of an older or heritage building for housing, with emphasis on authenticity, compatibility with existing detail and surroundings, and economic viability. The 1996 winner was the Cooper's Inn, Shelburne, owned by Joan and Allen Redmond. Conservation architect for the project was Robert Parker.

A letter of merit was given to the Morrison House, D'Escousse, owned by Silver Donald Cameron.

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE BY-LAWS

As of March 31, 1997, the number of municipalities with heritage by-laws stood at 45. This includes the adoption of a by-law in Lunenburg District.